

Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration Celebrates Bob Contraguerro Jr. as 2026 Italian-American of the Year



Wheeling, West Virginia Feb 23, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](http://www.IssueWire.com)) - Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration proudly announces that Bob Contraguerro Jr. has been named the [2026 Italian-American of the Year](#) by the Upper Ohio Valley Italian Heritage Festival.

This honor recognizes individuals who demonstrate leadership, service, and a deep commitment to their

heritage and community. For Bob Jr., it reflects a lifetime of dedication—to his family, his work, and the region he serves every day.

Bob Jr. grew up in the family business. He learned restoration from the ground up, working alongside his father and building the skills that would later help him lead [Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration](#) into a new era. Today, he continues that legacy with a focus on service, integrity, and care for the people behind every job.

Under his leadership, the company has expanded its capabilities and strengthened its reputation as one of the most trusted restoration providers in the Upper Ohio Valley. From [water](#) and [fire](#) damage recovery to advanced cleaning and restoration services, the Panhandle team is recognized for arriving promptly, working with precision, and helping families and businesses get back on their feet.

Bob Jr.'s impact reaches beyond the job site. He has remained active in community efforts across West Virginia and Ohio, supporting local initiatives and helping preserve the region's rich Italian-American culture. The Italian Heritage Festival committee highlighted both his professional accomplishments and his commitment to community service when selecting him for this year's honor.

"This recognition is truly humbling," said Bob Conraguerro Jr. "I'm proud of my heritage, and I'm proud of the work we do every day to help people recover and rebuild. This award really belongs to our entire team and to the community that has supported us for so many years."

The Italian-American of the Year celebration will take place as part of the 2026 Upper Ohio Valley Italian Heritage Festival, where Bob Jr. will be formally recognized among community leaders, families, and festival attendees.

For Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration, the award is more than a moment. It's a reflection of the company's roots—built on family, hard work, and a promise to care for others when they need it most.



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